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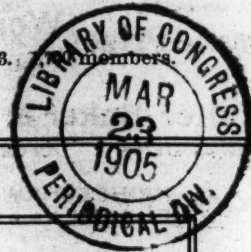


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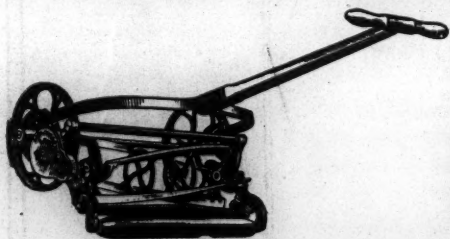


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Editorial.

EACH MONTH we should try to stamp some great truth on our souls and let its mark act as a guarantee of a noble struggle after higher things. Let us turn our thoughts this month to the value of spiritual forces in our lives. March ushers in Aries, the sign of sacrifice among the ancients, and to the meditative person this idea offers many suggestive thoughts for this season.

In this age, when one must know all sciences, accomplish tremendous tasks, and have great material possessions, how often does one stop to think of the value of doing *without* these things—the great lesson of sacrifice?

May not great success and prosperity make one vain, selfish and cruel? Let us, then, examine ourselves and look over the narrow or broad circle of our acquaintances, and make sure which way we are tending. Are we building up character out of both prosperity and adversity, and are we using the blessed lamp of sacrifice as a light for soul culture? Knowledge, power, and material wealth, all pass away; purity of heart, humility of mind, and gentleness of spirit abide forevermore.

THE South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, through their Committee on a Reformatory, endorsed a bill before their Legislature last month which provided for the establishment of a reformatory and industrial school for white boys in that State. This measure met with the most favorable comments from the public generally, and passed the House, but failed to pass the Senate, thus postponing the plan for this year.

Those club women who worked so faithfully and earnestly for this reformatory should not feel discouraged, for their effort aroused public sentiment and set people thinking on the subject. The coming year will, no doubt, be utilized in collecting data and definite information as to the absolute needs in each separate community and county of South Carolina for such a State institution. These concrete facts will afford valuable material to those who will champion the bill at another session of the Legislature, and the procuring of them will be a means of education which will teach those investigating many valuable lessons in civil responsibility and community welfare.

THE Civic Betterment Association of the Civic Club of Philadelphia shows in its second annual report a membership of 1,230. The requirement for membership is the desire to work for civic betterment, and the work is conducted through eighty-six organized branches. The Association is working against the smoke nuisance, sale of tobacco to minors, gambling, slot machines, etc., and is working for clean streets, public school improvement, extension of the park and playground system, probation officers, and police matrons.

Such an active interest in the public welfare should improve conditions in any city.

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY of Worcester, Mass., has recently elected a woman as its secretary. This may seem to be a departure from the parallels of precedent; and yet, is a woman out of place in the domain of discussions of agricultural questions?

THE prevention and cure of tuberculosis, or consumption, is one of the most vital questions of the day in every walk of life. Scientists are in earnest about the work, and the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis now has ten thousand dollars available for its general campaign on this subject.

The first annual meeting of this Association will be held in Washington, D. C., May 18th and 19th, at which time three special sections will meet—sociological, with Homer Folks as chairman; pathological and bacteriological, with Dr. Mazyck P. Ravenel as chairman, and clinical and climatological, with Dr. Norman Bridges in the chair.

That club women are interested in this question, which effects humanity generally, goes without saying, and we learn with interest how one State Federation has set about co-operating in this work. The Social Service Committee of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs has collected a traveling library on nursing, physical exercise, climatology, cooking, nutrition and kindred subjects, recommended by an expert on tuberculosis. This library will be sent to clubs or groups of persons in the State, the applicants to pay the transportation expenses.

There seems no better field for woman's interest in her civic clubs and associations than the consideration of this subject, which effects the health of so many communities, both North and South. It should appeal to every one, irrespective of class, sex or local conditions, and, with the possibilities of improved conditions that are being obtained every day, it is a work that promises much encouragement for energy and time expended in its promotion.

A FELLOWSHIP of the value of \$500 for the year 1905-'6 is offered by the Baltimore Association for the Promotion of University Education of Woman. This fellowship is available in either American or foreign universities, and preference will be given to women from Maryland and the South. A competitive examination will not be held, but the bestowal will be based upon evidence of the candidates' ability—such as diploma, testimonials of health and character, and specimens of scientific or literary work accomplished. Applications should be filed before April 12th, and blank forms for such applications may be secured from Miss Mc-Lane, No. 1101 North Charles street, Baltimore. Young women in the South should not let this opportunity pass. The demands for higher education for women in the South are many, and this is a source of supply which should not be neglected.

THE National Child Labor Committee held its first annual meeting in New York February 14th-16th. Among the speakers at this meeting were Bishop McVickar, of Rhode Island; Chancellor Kirkland, Vanderbilt University; Judge Lindsey, of the Juvenile Court, Denver; Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary National Consumers' League; Felix Adler, and Miss Jane Adams, of Hull House. "Legislation and Methods in Southern States" was treated by Rev. Neal L. Anderson, Montgomery, Ala.; "The Work of Women's Clubs in Securing Child Labor Legislation," by Mrs. A. O. Granger, Georgia, chairman G. F. W. C. Child Labor Committee, and "The Child Labor Situation in Southern Industry," by A. J. McKelway, Charlotte, N. C. All the addresses will be printed in full or in abstract in a special volume on child labor published by the American Academy of Political and Social Science, thus affording those interested in the subject an opportunity of securing the benefit of the expert opinions represented by the speakers on this occasion.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS.

For the State Federations of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Florida.

[This Department is Official and will be continued Monthly.]

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to the Editor *The Keystone*, Charleston, S. C., Manager.

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68 Clubs—2,500 Members.

I WOULD like to renew the request made two months ago in the interest of civil service reform. As yet but one that each club send me an account of any meeting held club has reported. It is gratifying to hear that the Century Club, of Charleston, had a most interesting discussion of this subject.

While it is true that in our State there are not as many civil offices to be filled and there are not as many abuses in the civil service as we are led to believe exist in larger and more wealthy States, still this subject is of great interest to us, and it is well that our clubs keep themselves fully informed, that they may help to mould a healthy public sentiment, to the end that any existing abuses may be corrected and no new ones creep in.

I am sure the members of our clubs and other broad-minded and sympathetic women in the State have been sadly disappointed by the failure of the Legislature to pass the reformatory bill. With four-fifths of the members of the House voting for the bill, we had every reason to expect that the Senate would also favor it, but it seems that we lacked one vote in that body. While we feel disappointed, there is no reason to be discouraged. The showing made was very much better than the most sanguine friends of the school hoped for a few months ago. This remarkable progress is due in a very large measure to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Patterson, chairman of the Reformatory, or Industrial School, Committee.

Let us continue our work for the school, moulding public sentiment as we have opportunity, and one year hence our efforts will be crowned with success.

Faithfully yours, MRS. WILBUR K. SLIGH,
Pres. S. C. Fed. W. C.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, at its meeting, January 19th, decided to request all clubs to send in their yearly dues of three dollars to the treasurer of the State Federation by April 1st. The receipts from the treasurer for these dues are necessary for the procurement of credentials allowing representation in the Convention at Union. Some of the clubs have sent in their dues, and it is hoped that all others can do so by April 1st.

Respectfully,

VARINA D. BROWN, Treasurer.

Anderson, S. C.

As CHAIRMAN of the art department of the South Carolina Federation I send this account to the readers of *The Keystone* of the gratifying success we are having this year with the venture made with the "Traveling Art Cases."

The beginning we made was small, and is yet very modest and weak in its claims for the art collection, but "nothing venture, nothing gain"—and the results, in so short a time, are not only surprising and pleasing, but salutary and

strengthening. Difficulties that are not small often loom up, when we feel most hopeful of satisfying results, but we get more cheer than discouragement in our correspondence with clubs. We are indebted to the clubs that have so genially and energetically responded to the call of the chairman to send the art collection to them for inspection. We have two Traveling Art Cases. The larger case has engagements with clubs several weeks ahead, and is making a continuous circuit of the clubs in the northern part of the State. We mention with pride and pleasure the strong club spirits in Spartanburg and Greenville that have given this department solid assistance. The Altrurian Club in Batesville, in name and spirit, showed us that they "look out, not in, and lend a hand." We do not confine the art collection to club centres. It was well received by a library association at Woodruff's, and we hope these earnest workers will soon federate. We are in touch, too, with a club in Winnsboro, not yet on our federated list.

By degrees the art collection is growing in quality, and reaching toward the standard we have set for our prize collection.

Let us have your help. Co-operation means sure operation.

Yours faithfully, MRS. A. G. BRICE,

Chairman of Art, South Carolina Federation.

Chester, S. C.

THE CENTURY CLUB, of Charleston, observed February 13th as *Reciprocity Day*. The meeting was in charge of the State Chairman of Reciprocity, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, who, after speaking on the benefits and use of the reciprocity bureau, *The Keystone*, gave a practical paper on "Domestic Service," the subject recommended as the co-operative work by the State Federation. Miss Poppenheim treated the subject from the *mistress'* standpoint, applying it to local conditions in South Carolina, and she opened up many subjects for discussion. Miss Marion Bryan humorously depicted "the woes of the housekeeper with white, black, brown and green servants." After much animated discussion, the following resolution was adopted: "If any uplift is to come in domestic service conditions in South Carolina, it must originate with the mistress." The rest of the afternoon was devoted to the subject of "Civil Service Reform," as recommended by the General Federation. Miss Godard addressed the club without notes on the history of civil service reform in the United States, while Miss Mary Glennie gave a paper on the practical application of civil service reform to clubwomen. This programme was truly the ideal Reciprocity Day, co-operating as it did both with the State and the General Federation in studying the special subjects recommended for this year.

THE MEMMINGER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, Charleston, observed February 14th as *Reciprocity Day*. One of the delegates to the State Convention, Miss Finley, made an interesting report of the State Federation meeting in Newberry, thus connecting the club with the State Federation, and Miss Strohecker read an able paper on "Federation; Is It Worth While?" To further carry out the idea of reciprocity, this club has invited two prominent clubwomen, not members of the Association, to address this meeting—Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, chairman of the Reciprocity Department of the South Carolina Federation, who spoke on "Reciprocity and

the Value of the Reciprocity Bureau to the Individual Club," and Miss Adele P. Vander Horst, a member of the Standing Committee of the General Federation on Civil Service Reform, who spoke on "Civil Service Reform and Its Practical Application to Clubwomen." This meeting carried out the idea of reciprocity in every way, putting the club in touch with the State and General Federation in their co-operative work.

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THE CLOVER CLUB Circulating Library, of Beaufort, celebrated its third anniversary Tuesday, February 7, 1905. The library has the use of a pleasant room, given by the Masons, and from a very small beginning has steadily grown, until now it contains 428 books. It is supported almost entirely by subscriptions. During the past year, 66 books were bought, and eight contributed. The people of Beaufort feel very much indebted to the members of the Clover Club for giving their time and energy in running this library.

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THE NEW CENTURY CLUB, of Johnston, has arranged for the proper observance of Arbor Day by planting a privet hedge around the school, costing \$40; the town of Johnston furnishing half and the club the other \$20. This club has adopted the custom of presenting all new *club babies* with a silver spoon. Three spoons have already been donated, and two more will be presented at the next club meeting.

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THE PERHELION CLUB, of Rock Hill, has had a very profitable year's work. The studies for this year were English art and artists, and domestic science. Regular meetings have been held once a month. We have had interesting papers, and all have taken part in the discussions. Our membership consists of 20 members. The Perhelion Club is a member of the City Union of clubs, also the State Federation. We have responded to several calls for aid; have manifested interest in the efforts to establish the reformatory for boys, and have established a small library at one of the mills in Rock Hill.

Mrs. H. B. Buist, Pres.

Mrs. J. M. Ivy, Cor. Sec.

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To Mrs. J. M. Visanska, Recording Secretary South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs:

I am in receipt of your State Year-Book of the South Carolina Federation, and thank you very much for it. I notice the interest that exists in each department and have found your reports helpful to us here in Iowa.

Your official organ, *The Keystone*, is received always with much pleasure and interest, and I think the South Carolina Federation is to be congratulated on having such an excellent medium for the distribution of club news.

Wishing you all success and prosperity in the New Year, I am,
Fraternally yours, (Mrs. T. J.) ALICE G. FLETCHER,
President Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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Corresponding Secretary—Miss Blanche Alexander, Kosciusko.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Harding, Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. C. L. ANDERSON, vice-president of the Twentieth Century Club of Kosciusko, has accepted the chairmanship of the Traveling Library Committee of the State Federation.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB, of Meridian, is deep (some of us over our *heads*) now in the study of Greek philosophy, with Socrates the central figure, Greek prose writers, Xenophon, and Plato.

Our pastor (Dr. Venable, of the First Baptist church) gets

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Our club is a body of women with *hearts* and *hands*, as well as *heads*. We are the women who do things in our city. Appeals for worthy objects always find a ready and hearty response from our club. Last meeting we, almost as a club, joined the "Old Ladies Home Association," when the question was put before us, "building and equipping a home for those of our sex who in their declining years haven't a haven of rest."

We have recently sent a library in a case to the cotton-mill section of our town, where 'twas sorely needed. One Sunday-school teacher finds, by promising a magazine or book, that she can get the young people to Sunday-school, and thus through their minds reach their hearts—making literature a factor in saving souls.

The other set of books is in the hands of the chairman, who is getting up new books to replace those damaged by use, also a fresh supply of late periodicals, and is having a case made for that also. The number of books is 88, and a quantity of magazines.

The work of contributing more generously to the State Scholarship Fund is exciting some interest in the club. An effort will be made at next meeting to change the constitution and make dues \$5.00 and contribute \$50.00 to said fund rather than the meagre sum of \$10.00 per annum.

DAISY W. WEEMS,

Ex-President State Federation.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB, of Friars Point, is quite in its infancy, having organized last March, under the name of Shakespeare Club. Desiring to take up a broader course of study the name was changed, and the club is now taking the Chautauqua Course. The club thinks of following Miss Lemly's suggestion and next take up art studies. They are taking especial interest in the present study, "The French Revolution," now because of the affairs in Russia, and so many interesting articles on Russia and France.

The club will surely be represented at the meeting of the Federation.

The present officers are: Mrs. Daisye Buck Lamkin, president; Mrs. R. B. Logan, vice-president; Mrs. Annie Cooper Sanders, secretary.

THE CELEBRATION of President's Day of the Time and Tide Club of Meridian was held the last Saturday in January at the home of Mrs. W. W. Reynolds. The house was profusely decorated in violets and ferns, purple and green being the club's colors. The Fortnightly, Galaxy, Twentieth Century, Little Fortnightly, and Matinee Musical clubs were all guests of honor. The new president is Mrs. J. E. Doughtie.

THE GOODMAN CLUB have reorganized for the present year, with Mrs. W. J. Nelms as president, Mrs. E. W. Pickens, vice-president, and Miss Rena Nelson, secretary and treasurer; all of which are able and popular officers.

At present we are greatly interested in "The Bay View" course of study; we find it fascinating and improving, and a subject which is very popular just now—Russia and Japan. It is our purpose to make this the most profitable and interesting year of the club's existence. With many good wishes for the success of your paper, I am, sincerely,

(Mrs.) A. P. YARBOROUGH,
Reporter Goodman Club.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB of Kosciusko will be represented at the meeting of the Federation by its president, Miss Blanche Alexander, Federation Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. G. F. Boyd, a former president, and chairman now of the Lyceum Committee, and Mrs. Ted Mabry, chairman of Town Improvement Committee.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, of Belzoni, was organized February 11, 1903, and now has fourteen members. The object is for literary and social benefit. The study of American authors is the present line of work. They are trying to raise funds for a library. With the annual dues of \$1.00 each they have subscribed for a number of the first-class magazines, and have bought a dozen of the late books.

The present officers are: Mrs. R. A. Haire, president; Mrs. W. O. Turnage, vice-president; Mrs. Marvin Spencer, treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Ingram, secretary; Miss Mollic Embry, librarian.

To Miss Poppenheim,—* * * Let it pay for this and next year. I enjoy it (*The Keystone*) very much and congratulate you on putting forth such a desirable publication for so little money. * * * With many regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am,
Most sincerely yours, (Mrs. W. S.) EMMA PERKINS,
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20 Clubs—650 Members.

THE JULIA MAGRUDER CLUB, of Concord, did such a beautiful deed on Christmas day that it seems meet that they should enjoy in part the happiness they brought to the desolate and disconsolate. What a feeling of quiet joy it gives us to echo the angel song, on Christmas day, "Peace on earth, good will to men," and to speak it in actions, that speak louder than words to the lonely and forgotten, the aged and afflicted.

Our club made it possible to carry a Christmas present to every inmate of the County Home, the chain-gang, and the jail. Mrs. Young, Mrs. Cottrane, and Mrs. Gibson, the committee appointed to collect from the club and others the good things to eat and to wear for the poor unfortunates, were most successful. Right generously did our people respond to the request. Like "the loaves and the fishes," there were gathered the baskets of the fragments that remained, after all the poor-house inmates were supplied, and these were donated to the chain-gang and the jail, and still the cruse was not empty. Some money still was left, to sail away to foreign lands and carry a message of love to those who sit in darkness—the immense amount of fifty cents.

Christmas day at two o'clock the party started, "Over the hills to the poor-house," the beloved doctor of the County Home led the way, and Mrs. Young and the two Mrs. Gibsons followed with a wagon load of "goodies." Some of the young people accompanied us. The first place visited was the department for the insane. There were three inmates that touched the hearts of us all—one poor, old woman, who always lies in bed with her body perfectly flat, and her head perfectly straight up from the pillow. How she feels and why she does it no one knows, for she never speaks. Dr. Young undid the iron door, which keeps them from the fire, two good warm stoves, that burn day and night in the hallway. When he gave her the bag, she opened it and from time to time would smile, and then nod in a cunning way, but no encouragement would make her speak. The first smile, the keeper said he had ever seen on her face. The next, a poor, brute-looking negro, whom we were told was the most violent of them all, was in a good humor this blessed day, his poor, foolish heart was warmed and quieted by the little act of human kindness—"a Christmas present for Will." He thanked us politely and took a chew of tobacco at once. Then came a poor lad, lying on a pallet (he could not be allowed a bedstead). He was often so violent that he would tear it to pieces and use it to fight with. He was the picture of solitary confinement; he was playing with some little pieces of sticks, trying to build something with them. Mrs. Young entered the cell and called him, "Ray." He threw away the sticks and began to examine his bag—the candy and oranges made him smile; when he came to the ball, he must stop and examine it, and pat it, and love it, before he could go any deeper; he then looked lovingly at the green racket paper it was wrapped in and smoothed it out and laid it beside him and said, "You all brought me a mighty pretty piece of paper." We left him eating and holding his ball, as happy as his poor benighted soul could be.

Time would fail me to tell of all the pleasure these simple

gifts brought. The bright ten-cent pieces in each package were perhaps the most appreciated of the gifts.

One old woman, when told she might lose hers, stuck her hand in her pocket and, after fumbling in it for some time, brought forth her snuff-box, dropped it in there with a knowing look and a shake of her head. She said, "It's safe," with as great a feeling of security as if it had a combination lock.

The poor colored people touched me next, they were so grateful and knew so well how to express it. The love of the Southerner for the race of their mammies always rings true. Their thanks were expressed by a gray-haired old uncle, who with the grand air of former days said, "Thank you, marster; thank you, mistess; it sure is good of you fine ladies to think of us poor old niggers; may God bless you for it."

The club owes many thanks to the committee for carrying out their plan with such success, and the only regret was that all the "Julia Magruder's" were not there to see the fruit of the seed they had sown.

I must not close without telling you of the bright spot in the lives of these poor creatures. They have a good, kind doctor; their faces tell you this when he comes near them, and for this let us all be thankful. Amen.

EMILY MAGRUDER GIBSON, Secretary.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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President—Mrs. Richard F. Adams, Palatka.

Recording Secretary—Miss Kathryn Thorp, Daytona.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss May J. Crosby, San Mateo.

21 Clubs—800 Members.

THE TENTH Annual Convention of the Florida State Federation of Women's Clubs was held on January 25th and 26th, at Miami.

The Ladies' Afternoon Club of that city, of which Mrs. J. H. Fredericks is president, was the hostess club, and every arrangement was made for the hospitable entertainment of the Federation.

By the courtesy of Mr. Merrill, manager of the Royal Palm Hotel, and the members of the Miami Club, the delegates were guests of that magnificent hotel, and right royally were they entertained.

The first session was held in the Fair building, a pretty little building situated on the shores of beautiful Bay Biscayne; the assembly room was most beautifully decorated with palms and potted plants, the crimson hybiscus giving a glory of color in the background. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 Wednesday morning, by the State President, Mrs. Lawrence Haynes, of Jacksonville. After the singing of the opening ode, the roll was called, showing all the officers present excepting the second vice-president and auditor. The address of welcome, by the president of the Ladies' Afternoon Club of Miami, voiced the sentiment of the hostess city; it was received with much enthusiasm and appreciation, as was the response by the first vice-president, Mrs. E. E. G. Munsell, of Green Cove Springs. Reading the minutes followed, after which the Credential Committee reported the following delegates present:

Mrs. E. E. G. Munsell, the V. I. A., Green Cove Springs; Mrs. S. L. Morse, Mrs. W. D. Heebner, Miss C. Heebner, V. I. A., Orange City; Mrs. W. C. Wamfolt, Mrs. Lampkin, V. I. A., Fairfield; Mrs. C. H. Raynor, Miss Grace Bingham, Palmetto Club, Dayton; Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Mrs. J. H. Reese, Woman's Club, Jacksonville; Mrs. M. Bassett, Mrs. H. McDowell, Fortnightly Club, Palatka; Mrs. A. C. Mc-

Neal, Miss Bessie Clements, V. I. A., Ormond; Mrs. Florence P. Hayden, Miss Flora McFarlane, Housekeeper's Club, Cocoanut Grove; Mrs. L. B. Bailey, Miss May Crosby, V. I. A., San Mateo; Mrs. C. M. Gardener, Mrs. John Graham, Ladies' Afternoon Club, Miami.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary showed that during the year two new clubs had joined the Federation, namely, "The Progressive Culture Club of Titusville," and The Cycadia Cemetery Association of Tarpon Springs."

The Federation now numbers 21 clubs, with a total membership of nearly 800. Reports of treasurer and auditor were read, also letters from the president of the General Federation, and corresponding secretary, regretting their inability to be present and sending greetings to the Federation.

Next on the programme came the president's address. She spoke as follows: "Members of the Federation and Friends:—It is a great pleasure to assemble together again; to greet our old friends and to welcome the new. The president of the Miami Club has extended such warm words of welcome, and our worthy first vice-president has so ably responded that it would seem that all in that line has been said, but gratitude loses nothing by repetition, and I wish to again thank the ladies of this club for the cordial and gracious hospitality which they are extending to us. Sympathy is a great thing, and each time that I attend these Federation meetings I am more and more impressed by the beauty and power of that tie which binds us together—sympathy. In fact, I believe that if a woman be given sympathy, combined with earnestness of purpose, there is nothing which she may not accomplish."

She also set forth the strong belief that our hopes in regard to establishing kindergartens in public schools may be realized at the next meeting of the Legislature, and that its failure at the last Legislature was not due to so much opposition, but because of lack of interest, or of understanding of its merits; she urged that each club appoint committees who will see the senator and representatives from its district, and interest them in this bill, and obtain their support for it. She spoke of the good work done by the various standing committees in the Federation, and in conclusion she expressed her heartfelt thanks for the kind words and encouragement which the Federation had given her during her two years of office, and especially appreciating the splendid work of her fellow-officers during that time.

A short address by Mrs. Emma Ewing, of Chicago, a lecturer and demonstrator of cookery and household economics, closed the morning session, which was largely attended, nearly every seat in the room being filled. It was noticed that there were also numbers of visiting clubwomen from other States present.

By invitation of the Housekeeper's Club of Cocoanut Grove, the afternoon session was held in that beautiful little town, some five miles distant from Miami. The delegates were conveyed in launches, thus affording them the delightful treat of a ride on beautiful Bay Biscayne; promptly at 2 P. M., the delegates were landed at Cocoanut Grove. We were met by a committee of ladies, who extended to us a warm welcome and escorted us to the pretty little club-house, where the afternoon session was called to order at 3 P. M. The president of the Housekeeper's Club extended a few words of welcome, then followed the reading of the minutes of the morning session.

Reports of the various standing committees were read, and while all the committees have made progress during the year some were able to report greater results than others.

A few of the federated clubs presented their reports, all

showing excellent work done, especially in the line of V. I. A. school and library work.

A short address by a well-known clubwoman of Georgia was a fitting close to this session, after which the delegates, accompanied by several of the Cocoanut Grove ladies, acting as guides, were taken for a little walk, to view some of the places of interest of this pretty little hamlet, situated, as its name implies, in a grove of beautiful cocoanut palms. We first visited the library, where we found one of the most complete little libraries to be found anywhere in the State; from here we passed through a most beautiful avenue of royal palms, to the home of Mr. Kirk Monroe, where Mrs. Monroe received us most informally. After a short visit to Professor Ransom's private school for young boys, the delegates made their way back to the little club-house, where we found a most elaborate supper awaiting us; 75 guests sat down to a most sumptuous repast; after which bright, witty and appropriate toasts were given. The position of toastmistress was filled most admirably and graciously by Mrs. Carpenter, president of the entertaining club. Delightful music, readings, and recitations occupied the balance of the evening, and the hour arrived all too soon when the delegates were to be taken back to Miami in carriages.

The second morning session was held in the Fair building, at 10:30 A. M.; after the reading of the minutes, the report of the Nominating Committee was read.

A report of the St. Louis Biennial was given by Miss Kathryn Thorp, of Daytona, and Mrs. Udora Watson, of Ormond. Miss Thorp gave an account of the social features of the Biennial, and Mrs. Watson the business sessions.

A communication from Miss Chaies, of DeFuniak Springs, regarding the kindergarten in the public schools, was read and heartily endorsed by the Convention; steps were taken also to support the question of compulsory education in Florida.

The first address of the day, one not on the programme, was made possible by the unforeseen visit of Mrs. McCabe, of Atlanta, Ga., chairman of library work in that State. She is a most enthusiastic worker along these lines, and her address contained many helpful suggestions.

After some little discussion on the new lines of work to be taken up during the coming year, the session adjourned to meet at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The closing session of the Convention was called to order at 2:30 P. M., in the green room of the Royal Palm Hotel.

The report of the Nominating Committee was cordially ratified by the Convention, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing two years:

President, Mrs. Richard F. Adams, of Palatka; First Vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Fredricks, of Miami; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Price, of Ormond; Recording Secretary, Miss Kathryn E. Thorp, of Daytona; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary J. Crosby, of San Mateo; Treasurer, Mrs. Brash, of Tampa; Auditor, Mrs. Kate Phillips, of Gainesville; Federation Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Cummer, of Jacksonville.

The new president, Mrs. Adams, is prominently associated with the club life of her own city; she is a woman of marked ability, and has for several years been actively engaged in forwarding the interests of the State Federation, thus possessing complete familiarity with all branches of its work, and the organization is to be congratulated upon securing her services as its leader.

A very interesting little talk on the "Early Club Life in South Florida," by the gifted daughter of Amelia Barr, Mrs.

Kirk Monroe, was enjoyed by all fortunate enough to be present.

Next on the programme came the discussion again of the New Year's work. It was voted to add library work as our special work for the coming year. Several resolutions were introduced; one for the Federation to become a sustaining member of the Florida Audubon Society, the same adopted; another, to endorse the recommendation to preserve as government property the islet in the Everglades known as "Paradise Key," where most perfect and magnificent royal palms flourish naturally; another was for the Federation to endorse and use all effort possible to further compulsory education in the State of Florida; another, to appoint a State Forestry Commission; another was that the Federation use every effort possible in getting the bill through the coming Legislature, incorporating the kindergarten in the public school system.

The introduction of new officers and the adoption of resolutions of the Convention were the closing acts of one of the most successful Conventions ever held in the history of F. S. F. W. C.

The most fitting close in a social way of this highly successful Convention was the brilliant reception given by the Ladies' Afternoon Club of Miami, in one of the private parlors of the hotel. In the receiving line were the members of the Executive Board of the Florida State Federation, and the president of the entertaining club. After the reception, the manager of the Royal Palm, Mr. Merrill, tendered a banquet to the delegates, members of the hostess club, and their husbands. About one hundred and fifty (150) sat down to a most sumptuous repast, and it was near midnight when adieus were made, and it was with sincere regret that the delegates bade farewell to the attractive place that had extended such gracious hospitality to the stranger within her gates, and all agreed that the L. A. C. was indeed a model hostess.

KATHRYN E. THORP, Daytona, Fla.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Colorado.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, 31 Meeting Street, Charleston, S. C.

(Up-to-date Notes.)

BECAUSE of the change which was brought about by the cessation of the *Clubwoman* and the choice of *The Federation Bulletin* as the organ of the Board of Directors, much discussion and some criticism have reached this office. A few words of explanation may clear the air.

It was not with the intention of making *The Federation Bulletin* a rival to existing local club organs that it was chosen—not in any sense of the word. Indeed, our plea to each member of the Federation is that she subscribe to her own State organ, where one exists, and for this purpose we set forth the respective magazines and the territory covered by them:

The Keystone, Charleston, S. C., Louisa Poppenheim, Editor. Official organ of South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Florida.

The Vermonter, Brattleboro, Vt., Mrs. Hobart K. Whiteker, Club Editor. Official organ of Vermont.

The Federation Bulletin, Boston, Mass. Official organ of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.

Club Notes, Cleveland, Ohio, Louise Graham, Editor. Official organ of Ohio.

Club Life, San Francisco, Cal. Official organ of California.

The Courant, St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. H. N. McKusick, Editor, 308 North Third street, Stillwater, Minn. Official organ of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota.

The Woman's Club Bulletin, Reading, Pa., Mrs. F. E. Howell, Editor. Official organ of Pennsylvania.

Business Woman's Magazine, Denver. Official organ of Colorado. * * * * *

To bring about this welding of the individual members of the individual club with the great organization, it is necessary to spread far and wide the news of the plans and purposes of the General Federation. The presidents and leaders in the work will generally take the club magazine, but that does not reach the foundation of the movement. Suppose only one woman in twenty-five took a daily paper in your State, how much diffusion of knowledge would there be, how much progress, how much keeping step with the world forces?

The women of the federated clubs in America can become the great civic, social and moral force of the century; but to do this, true organization must be the watchword. Each member of the smallest and most remote club should study carefully the great organization; and the best and most efficient aid in this acquiring of knowledge will be the respective club magazines.

Very sincerely yours,

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

Denver, Col., January 26, 1905.

THE 1905 Directory of the General Federation of Women's Clubs has been completed by the Corresponding Secretary, and 1,400 copies were mailed on February 25th. This Directory (40 pages) contains a list of the officers and directors of the General Federation, standing and special committees of the General Federation, General Federation secretaries, presidents, and corresponding secretaries of all State Federations, and the presidents of individual clubs holding membership in the General Federation. It also states the number of members, time of meetings, and the special line of work of the State Federations and individual clubs. The tabulated information in this directory has been secured by the Corresponding Secretary direct from these State and club presidents, through a system of reply postal cards, sent out December 1, 1904. All clubs not returning these reply postals by January 20, 1905, are marked in this Directory with a *, and the data for these clubs is repeated from the 1904 Directory. The rest of the data is up to date, January 20, 1905. A copy of this Directory has been sent to every woman whose name is mentioned in the Directory. Any clubwoman may secure a copy upon application to the Corresponding Secretary enclosing 10 cents in stamps.

THE chairman of the Transportation Committee for the General Federation is Mrs. E. S. Buchwalter, 359 High street, Springfield, Ohio. All clubwomen who expect to attend the council meeting in Atlantic City, in June, are requested to communicate with Mrs. Buchwalter as early as possible, so that she will be able to get the excursion rates.

AT THE recent meeting of the California State Federation in Los Angeles, Mrs. J. E. Cowles was elected State president. All clubwomen remember Mrs. Cowles as the gracious president of the local Biennial Board for the Los Angeles Biennial, while at present she is a member of the Board of Directors of the General Federation, and the chairman of

the Programme Committee for the St. Paul Biennial. Dr. Cowles is a native of North Carolina, and before his marriage practiced medicine in Johnston, S. C., where he and his mother made many warm friends.

THE Idaho State Federation was formally organized at Boise, January 31st; 42 delegates reported, representing 18 clubs. Mrs. D. W. Stanrod, Pocatello, for several years a member of the General Federation Committee for Idaho, was elected president; and Mrs. Sam. Hays, Boise, at one time a member of the Board of Directors of the General Federation, was elected one of the directors for this new State Federation, showing the influence of the General Federation appointments. The Idaho Federation will meet biennially, the time and place to be arranged by the Executive Board.

CLUB NOTES, published by Louise Graham, Cleveland, O., has just been adopted as the "official organ" of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. Ohio clubwomen, by this action, have put themselves in line with other progressive State Federations in adopting an "official organ," which is the only practical application of the *reciprocity* idea in the club world.

IT IS with regret that clubwomen read the announcement of the discontinuation of *The Club Record*, a monthly journal devoted to women's clubs, published at Winside, Nebraska. The non-appearance of this journal will be felt by all interested in club journalism. The editor, Mrs. Ecker, in her faithful work, contributed largely towards upbuilding the woman's club in Nebraska.

Stars!

STARS—and dramatic stars at that—filled the Academy of Music in Charleston, S. C., on February 3rd, with the largest audience of the season, when "The Two Orphans" was presented under the direction of the celebrated Liebler & Co., with the all-star cast represented by Mrs. Sarah Le Moyne, Isabel Irving, Clara Morris, Louis James, James O'Neill, J. E. Dodson, J. L. Finney, Elita Proctor Otis, Sarah Truax, and Bijou Fernandez. In the afternoon Mrs. Le Moyne, who is recognized as authority on Browning in this country, had given a reading from Browning (admission by invitation) in the Charleston College chapel, and had aroused so much enthusiasm for the intellectuality of her art on this occasion that she but increased the public's desire to see her on the stage.

Mrs. Le Moyne and all the actors mentioned in the cast are too well known to demand any other criticism of their work than the mere mention of the fact that they sustained their reputation in their presentation of this play.

"The Two Orphans," one of the greatest melodramas, was first produced in New York in 1874, and this revival of an old play, splendidly cast and beautifully staged, has secured the best patronage possible in New York and all through the East, and this extraordinary company is now touring the South and West, and is presenting an artistic interpretation of a clean, moral play which no one can afford to miss. The charm of the present presentation is the absolute suitability of the actors to each part cast, and the Charleston audience, with its applause, and even with its tears, paid a just tribute to a splendid dramatic presentation, and one which will long be remembered by the theatre-going public of Charleston.

So. Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Harriet Shannon Burnet, Camden, S. C.
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. August Kohn, Columbia, S. C.
 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. B. G. Clifford, Union, S. C.
 Treasurer—Miss Mary McMichael, Orangeburg, S. C.
 Chairman Historical Committee—Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, 31 Meeting street, Charleston, S. C.
 47 Chapters—1,700 Members.

THE South Carolina Division, U. D. C., take the greatest pleasure in extending our thanks to the energetic and efficient Book Committee, who by their patient and judicious labor have made such satisfactory arrangements for the publication of our second volume of "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy," without calling in the Legislature to assist us or in any way begging for outside help. The "Daughters" have come liberally to the fore. The Convention, as a whole, pledged \$100.00, and the Chapters generously gave the rest. "Our book," so sacred to our hearts, will go forth again to the world to perpetuate the heroism and devotion of our women to our cause. Naturally, the second volume will be more thrilling and of greater value even than the first.

Our Historical Committee, which has been working so harmoniously with our Book Committee, is holding up our hands and is proving each year more and more what our women can do in times of peace, as well as in times of war.

Let every woman in the South see to it that the heroism of our beloved South land be not only written in bronze and stone, but let a historical record be made to be "read of all men. For not until then shall we "Daughters of our beloved Confederacy" cease to proclaim to the world our pride in our past and the hope of a glorious appreciation yet to be accorded us by all the world. Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, chairman of the Historical Committee, will be happy to receive any communication for our second volume.

Faithfully yours, HARRIET S. BURNET,
 Camden, S. C. President S. C. Division.

MRS. AUGUST KOHN, Rec. Sec. S. C. Div. U. D. C.:

Dear Mrs. Kohn,—The resolutions adopted by the South Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at Orangeburg, S. C., December 1, 1904, complimentary to myself, just received. It gives me more pleasure than I can express to see that my efforts have met with the approval of my sister State. South Carolina lies very close to Georgia, and in all noble movements since colonial times they have gone hand in hand. Kindly convey to the South Carolina Division sincere thanks for the honor conferred, and say to them that I shall always cherish the warmest feelings of sisterhood for each and every one of them. Thanking you for carrying out their wishes so beautifully and promptly.

I am, sincerely,

A. M. RAINES, Savannah, Ga.

THE Historical Committee of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., has sent to every chapter president in the Division a copy of the annual historical circular for 1905. This circular covers six subjects, as follows: "Collection of Manuscript for Publication and Filing; The Programme for the State Convention Literary Session; The Collection of Rolls of Honor for the Richmond Museum; Literary Exercises in Chapter Meetings; the Question of Text-books; The Reciprocity Bureau as conducted by the U. D. C. Historical Com-

mittee, and a general summing up, in the form of questions as to the individual chapter work along historical lines. It is hoped that the chapters will respond to this circular and answer the questions.

The programme for the Literary Session at Johnston is as follows:

1. A Poem, "South Carolina," (a eulogy on the State).
2. John C. Calhoun's position in American History, (a type of Southern statesmanship, connecting the era of the Constitution with the period of '61 to '65). (Time limit for this paper, thirty minutes.)
3. A Woman's Personal Reminiscences of the Days of '61 to '65. (Time limit, ten minutes.)
4. A Sketch of the History of the Designs for the Confederate Flag. (Time limit, fifteen minutes.)
5. A Poem, "Wade Hampton."

All manuscript should be in the hands of the Chairman of the History Committee, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C., by October 1st, 1905; should be written on paper uniform in size, *Commercial Letter*, and should be written on only one side of the paper. This paper will be furnished by the Chairman of this Committee if desired. Last year fifty-eight manuscripts were filed with this department, sixteen of which entered the contest for the Literary Session at the Annual Convention. It is hoped that every chapter will contribute at least one manuscript this coming year.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM, Chairman,
 For the Committee.

THE voting for the gold badge for *Buttons*, remains the same as last month. Miss White, of Johnstons, heads the list, with 167 votes. The contest for the badge closes May 1, 1905, and chapters are urged to send in their votes to the chairman of the Historical Committee of the Division at once. *The Keystone* will continue to announce the votes each month in this column.

THE State Division Committee in charge of editing the second volume of "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy," consisting of Mrs. James Connor (chairman), Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Miss M. B. Washington, Mrs. August Kohn and Mrs. T. B. Legare, have made arrangements with the State Publishing Company of Columbia, S. C., for the publication of this volume. The complete volume will be ready for the public about July 1, 1905, and will cost \$1.25 per copy.

THE South Carolina Division of the U. D. C. has done, and is still doing, good work in introducing into the Southern schools histories fair to the South. Why should it not go a step farther and give the children Southern books to read, as well as to study? The list of officially commended books is yearly growing longer, and these works of Southern authors ought to be found on the shelves of every school and public library.

The Chapter presidents are earnestly asked to bring this matter before their organizations, and to urge that they aid in this work by furnishing lists of "recommended books" to whatever library or libraries they may have in their towns. Typewritten copies of this list may be gotten by applying to Mrs. Harriet P. Lynch, Cheraw, S. C., who will furnish them with pleasure and be much interested in receiving results of the chapters' efforts.

THE Johnstons Chapter, U. D. C., has been enjoying the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. S. Bleckley, of Anderson, who addressed them on General Lee's birthday.

A committee from this chapter visited the County Home during Christmas week, and took with them many dainties as gifts to the inmates. They took great interest in examining into the condition of these "weaker members of society," and this chapter counts this work as one of its first steps in "Civil Service Reform." Mrs. J. H. White, the president of this chapter, together with Mrs. S. Bleckler, of Anderson, paid a visit to Edgefield C. H., in January.

Mrs. James Tillman invited the clubwomen and other prominent women of Edgefield to meet these ladies at her house, and after a delightful musical programme, the Edgefield Chapter, U. D. C., was reorganized by Mrs. White, with the following officers: President, Mrs. Robert Marsh; Vice-President, Mrs. F. Brunson; Secretary, Mrs. Jule Mims; Historian, Mrs. James Tillman. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess, and thus once again Edgefield is enrolled among the U. D. C. Chapters in South Carolina.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

President—Mrs. A. T. Smythe, 31 Legare St., Charleston, S. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. V. F. McSherry, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

(Up-to-date Notes.)

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL Meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in San Francisco, California, October 3rd-7th, 1905.

THE CHAIRMEN for Committees of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are as follows:

Transportation.—Mrs. Alfred H. Voorhees, San Francisco, Cal. This committee has on it a member from each State.

Cross of Honor.—Miss Mildred Rutherford, Athens, Ga. Miss Rutherford is giving her best efforts to arranging for the proper bestowal of the crosses, and is smoothing out many difficulties for the Chapters. During the past month Mrs. Gabbett, the Custodian of the Crosses, has had very heavy work distributing crosses to Chapters.

The Committee on Revision of Words for Dixie.—Mrs. Andrew Dowdell, Opelika, Ala. This committee remains the same as last year, and had asked to be continued at St. Louis Convention.

The History Committee.—Mrs. James M. Garnett, Baltimore, Md. Members and work mentioned in February *Keystone*.

Credential Committee.—Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, Greenwood, Miss., with some of the same members from the St. Louis Convention. This committee gave such general satisfaction at St. Louis that it remains practically the same committee for the California meeting.

Historical Souvenir Committee.—Mrs. Mary Cecil Cantrill, Georgetown, Ky., with a member from each State on the committee by request of the chairman.

Finance Committee.—Mrs. S. S. Wassell, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Stationery Committee.—Mrs. R. C. Cooley, Jacksonville, Fla., chairman; Mrs. A. B. Hull, Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Cliff, Tennessee. Chapters desiring information in regard to stationery are requested to apply to any one of these three ladies, and information will be given.

THE MINUTES of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the U. D. C. (St. Louis, October, 1904) have gone to the printer, and they are expected for distribution about April 1st.

THE KEYSTONE has received the following request: Please inquire through *The Keystone* for the words and music of Southern patriotic songs, such as "Up with the Flag," by Dr. William Harrell, of Raleigh, N. C.; "The Old Carolina State," etc. I will refund postage and pay for any words or music sent me if they are marked with price.

MISS M. AUGUSTA DUNSTAN,
Historian, Windsor, N. C.

THE Mississippi Division, U. D. C., on January 19th, presented to the Hall of Fame in the new Capitol at Jackson a splendid portrait of Jefferson Davis, painted by Carl Guthe-raz, of Washington, D. C., and valued at \$800. The portrait represents Mr. Davis in 1861, and is considered a splendid piece of work. The W. D. Holden Chapter of Jackson, through their president, managed the collection for the picture, gave the order and acted as an agent for the Division, but the portrait was the gift of the entire Division. The idea of giving the picture originated with Mrs. Eron O. Gregory, of Jackson, and was ably carried out by Miss Porter and her Chapter. The addresses by Mrs. Helen Bell and Miss Porter were most appropriate, and the responses from Governor Vardaman and Mr. Rowland were most appreciative. This was a fitting and brilliant celebration of one of the most important holidays in the U. D. C. calendar. The Mississippi Division may be congratulated on a splendid achievement in its monumental and historic work.

Dear Miss P.,—The day following the presentation, there was a business meeting, called by the Division President, Mrs. Lily McDowell, to discuss the inscription proposed for the Davis Monument—you are aware, of course, that the one proposed by the Monument Association Committee reads: "Born in Kentucky, 1808; Died in Louisiana, 1889," making no mention of a life spent in Mississippi. He came to this State when an infant and lived here until the year of his death, and it seems only right that some mention be made of this fact.

A resolution was adopted, which will be endorsed by every Camp of United Confederate Veterans and by the Sons of Veterans in this State, begging the Monument Committee to insert in the inscription the following, to come between time of birth and death, "Life-time citizen of Mississippi," and we all hope our desires may be granted. I receive *The Keystone* and enjoy every word in it. I hope you will continue in the good work. I wish we had a similar journal in this State. It would be a great help to the women to know what others in the State, and out of it were doing. With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. Ernest) ALICE TIMBERLAKE ALLEN.

THE FLORIDA DIVISION, U. D. C., send the following report: "The year 1904 has been a fairly prosperous one; all chapters have grown, and are on a substantial basis. "Martha Reid," Jacksonville, the parent chapter, held its annual election of officers on January 27th, with the following result: President, Mrs. W. J. Cook; First Vice-President, Mrs. D. N. Reynolds; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Gayle; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. D. DeCottes; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Nolan; Treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Drew; Collector; Mrs. Shine; Registrar, Mrs. Munnerlyn.

MRS. M. E. DREW,

Chairman Keystone Committee for Florida.

THE J. J. Finley Chapter, Florida, U. D. C. (named for our beloved hero, General Jesse Johnson Finley), was organized May 25, 1903, with a charter membership of thirty-four. Mrs. G. K. Broome, one of the women of the sixties, was elected president, with an efficient corps of officers, and they have done good work ever since. The chapter now has sixty-two members. The plan of work mapped out by this chapter is, first, the care of the old soldiers; second, the placing of

proper histories in the schools of the South, and incidentally, contributing to monuments. Now that the Davis monument—a monument to every soldier who fought under the Southern cross, as well as to our glorious chieftain—is practically completed, our future efforts will be directed towards the practical good of the soldiers yet with us, and the education of the youth of the land.

General Jesse Johnson Finley died at Lake City, Florida, November 6, 1904, in the ninety-second year of his age, full of honors, venerated and loved by all. His mortal remains were laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery, in our own city of Gainesville, November 7th, under the direction of the J. J. Finley Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, amid demonstrations of the profoundest sorrow. Beautiful resolutions of respect to his memory were passed by this faithful and loyal chapter, named in his honor.

WINDSOR, N. C.—On the evening of Thursday, the 19th instant, we had the pleasure of attending the annual celebration of the birthday of the immortal Robert E. Lee, given by Francis Bird Chapter, U. D. C., in the Opera-House. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Merritt. Assisted by several gentlemen, the chapter sang those grand verses by Governor William Gaston, that every true North Carolinian feels it a breach of State fealty to omit, "The Old North State." Mr. Richard W. Askew, a veteran of the gallant old Seventeenth North Carolina Infantry, then stated to the audience the object of the U. D. C. in celebrating Lee's and Davis' birthday. * * *

The following programme was then rendered: "Tenting on the Old Camp-Ground," Notes of Work of Francis Bird Chapter, U. D. C., by Miss M. Augusta Dunstan, historian of the chapter; "Our Southland" (air America); recitation, "Furl that Banner," Miss Helen Gilliam; song, "Ho! for Carolina," address, Mr. Moses Gilliam; song, "Lee's Surrender" (air "Kitty Wells"); recitation, "The Death of the Old Confederate" (original poem, written by Dr. E. W. Pugh), Miss Willie Pugh; song, "The Officer's Funeral," duet, Misses Annie Hayes and Mary Askew.

Except one or two detained by illness in their families, and those who reside in the country, all the local chapter were present.

The next occasion they will celebrate will be April 6, 1905, the birthday of Major F. W. Bird. For the credit of Windsor, it is to be hoped they will have a larger audience, *but they could not have a more appreciative one* than on this last occasion, when they so fittingly observed the birthday of him who, like Washington, was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

CHAS. W. JACOBS.

The Arkansas Division, U. D. C., through its President, Mrs. Hall, has sent *The Keystone* a copy of the proceedings of its Ninth Annual Convention, held at Batesville, Ark., October 11th-13th. The evening session, October 12th, was in charge of the State Historian, at which time her report was read; suitable musical selections and recitations were given, and an address was made by Professor Junius Jordan, on "The Wives, Mothers and Daughters of the Confederacy."

There were fifteen chapters represented by forty-eight votes in the Convention.

The pamphlet contains, besides the Convention proceedings, the Constitution of the Division and the roster of the officers of the thirty-four chapters in the Division. It will prove interesting reading to those interested in Daughters of the Confederacy work.

THE NEW president of the Texas Division, U. D. C., is Mrs. Valery E. Austin, Galveston, Texas.

MISS KATE DAFFAN has been elected to the Chair of History in the Houston High School.

The City Woman in Club Life.

[Read at the Midwinter Meeting of the Charleston, S. C., City Federation, January 19, 1905.]

IT IS a curious, though undeniable fact, that, though Women's Clubs have existed and flourished in various parts of this country for well-nigh a half century, the clubwoman still appears a problem and experiment, not only to members of the opposite sex, but to those of her sisters who, either through lack of opportunity or inclination, have failed to affiliate with any organized body of women. The clubwoman does not exist, therefore, who, at some moment in her career, has not answered the oft-repeated, somewhat hackneyed question: "What has the club done for you?" and, the general question once answered, the interlocutor begins to specialize, and turning to the city woman asks, "How has the club affected you in the cities? Has it raised your standard of living; has it broadened your æsthetic taste; has it made you a more potent factor in the community; are you still the sympathetic friend, the devoted daughter, the faithful wife and loving mother you were before—in short, has the club helped the city woman; has the clubwoman bettered her city?"

"Yes, a thousand times yes," truthfully replies anyone acquainted with club life, in its best and broadest sense, and to whom the highest type of clubwoman is no stranger.

For argument's sake, we shall take a woman of average intellect and education, who wishes to undertake club work. Our friend must first choose her club, and this choosing is the first stage in the evolution of our new clubwoman. In this she must practice discrimination and learn not to attempt too much, for this attempting too much is the greatest temptation which confronts the enthusiastic city woman. All the programmes are so alluring, all the work seems so uplifting, our earnest club-convert wants to do everything at once. This desire, however, is overcome, and our novice enters a literary club. Having lived the sheltered, somewhat restricted, life of most women in conservative Southern communities, where lines are sharply drawn and circles well defined, it is with rather a shock of intellectual awakening, that the new member discovers among the organization's most original, *forceful*, and cultivated thinkers, women, perhaps of whom she has never heard, who never were in her set; self-educated, many of them even a little crude, maybe, but of minds so broad, and hearts so warm and true, that our novice is forced to admit that worth is to be appreciated, and intellect esteemed wherever found; and, once learned, this her first lesson is never forgotten by a good clubwoman, that in a true democracy (of which a well-conducted club is an excellent example) only the aristocracies of mind and character can exist.

Already strengthened and broadened by this, her first venture in the clubworld, our erstwhile novice begins to look about her, seeing with a clearer vision the needs and longings of her fellow-creatures and yearning to help them, even as she has been helped. She sees the toil-weary men and women in the tenements and mills; their pale, sick, neglected and often vicious children left to the tender mercies of the streets, and realizes how poor a thing has been her mere almsgiving in the past, how inadequate to meet present conditions or provide for future improvement! She seeks for a charm which shall dispel this pall, which overshadows the lives of so many of the world's workers, which shall lift the burden from weary shoulders, which shall bring hope to so many darkened lives. And in a flash she sees the remedy—education! For these men and women, weary and overburdened, there is, alas! but little to be done—the habit of a lifetime is difficult to

undo—but the lives of their children can and must be different! Their little idle hands must be trained to useful work, their hearts and minds uplifted through sympathy and love, the neglected child of to-day must be made the useful, happy citizen of to-morrow! Can woman do better, nobler work than this, and is she not given opportunity for this very work in our philanthropic organizations, our civic leagues, and kindergarten associations?

We grieve that crime exists, and rebel at the thought that the honest man is taxed to supply prisons for malefactors, but remembering that sin is often but another name for ignorance, and crime but misdirected energy, the intelligent club-woman will aid in dispelling this ignorance and having this wonderful energy directed into proper channels, that the time may come when prison and penitentiary will disappear and in their stead will rise the kindergarten, industrial training school, and institutions of higher learning!

And should our questioner still ask, "Will our women not neglect their own, while they thus seek to reclaim the children of others?" we answer "No!" again and again!

No woman, worthy of the name, can do such work, and not be the better wife and mother in so doing! No true homemaker or housekeeper will neglect her home, while helping to brighten the homes and lives of others less fortunate than she, and it is no exaggeration when we say that any one community can show more homes and children neglected for the sake of social pleasure and frivolity than can be placed to the discredit of a whole State Federation!

The conclusion, then, of the whole matter is this: Our city woman, in her club life, gains, not only intellectual culture and artistic development, but influenced by the wider prospect of life which it presents, her whole nature is broadened and strengthened while she learns to find with joy the grain of good in every creed, and flood with light and love the germ of good in every soul! And when that time arrives, toward which all true women look and yearn; when the ideal community shall exist, in which there will be no room for ignorance and vice and sin, for prison or for jail—let us hope, that while contrasting this happier day with the less perfect past, and citing the potent factors which aided in bringing about the new and better order of things, the historian of the future may rise and exclaim: "In the foremost rank of the glorious army of reformers, there she stood, calm and undismayed, helpful, hopeful, brave—the city clubwoman, God bless her!"

SARAH B. VISANSKA.

A MEMORIAL exhibition of Whistler's work was opened in London on February 22d. King Edward exhibited 150 of Whistler's etchings and Whistler's portraits of "Leyland," "Carlisle" and "Sarasate" were also shown. Through the interposition of the British Foreign Office, Whistler's "Portrait of My Mother" was loaned from the Luxembourg, and Mr. Whittemore, of New Haven, Conn., lent his celebrated Whistler, "The White Girl," which was rejected by the Salon in 1863.

THE NEXT Continental Congress of the D. A. R. will occur in April, and the meeting will be held in the new Continental Hall. This year is an election year, and Mrs. Fairbanks' successor is being much discussed. The strongest candidates for the presidency of the D. A. R. are Mrs. Russell A. Alger, Michigan; Mrs. Donald McLean, New York, and Mrs. Charles W. Lippett, Rhode Island. Mrs. Daniel Manning has been spoken of for the office, but it is said she has definitely declined to stand for election.

The Queen of Sheba.

BY A. L. S., CHARLESTON, S. C.

(Begun in December Keystone.)

CHAPTER III—CONTINUED.

"YOU may spare yourself the trouble in future; the defence is worse than the evil," she retorted. "Please, Mr. Carton, be careful, and don't go out further on that ledge; it is dangerous. Come back!" she cried, anxiously.

Carton, who had been crawling along the narrow ledge on hands and knees, turned his head carefully. "I can't," he said, with a laugh.

The other men laughed, too; but the Queen, seeing that it was true, frowned.

"But still she can turn your head," suggested Elkins.

"But not your mind to understanding," retorted Carton.

"What are you going to do?" queried the Queen, anxiously.

"Oh, he will come out all right," said Elkins, reassuringly.

Meanwhile, keenly alive to the change of Carton's position, he was studying the situation carefully.

"Now you have got yourself into a fix; you'll have to stay there," said Tommy, sharply.

"And we'll point him out to strangers with a glass," suggested Elkins, lightly, while he tried to solve the difficulty.

"He can't keep that position much longer," said the Queen, gravely.

"Oh, he's tough; he can hold on all right," answered Elkins.

"See, Carton," he called, after a minute. "A little farther on, just around that knob, there is a sapling growing up from a crevice below. Take your time and take hold of the sapling and twist around it. Try it first, though, before you put too much weight on it."

"All right," called back Carton, cheerfully.

(To be continued.)

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Book Reviews.

MY LADY OF THE NORTH, a love story of a gray jacket, by Randall Parrish, author of *When Wilderness was King*, is one of the most fascinating novels, dealing with the War between the States. The heroine of the story is a Northern girl, and the hero a captain of Virginia artillery, later on General Lee's staff. The descriptions of the battles and hostilities are vivid and exciting. While a charming love story runs through the whole, one takes greater interest in the incidents of the scouts and couriers, the efforts of the North and the South to suppress the guerilla warfare, and the repeated contrasts between the armies of the two sections. The author gives us a thoroughly satisfactory story, and while his sympathies are with the South he shows us instances of heroism on both sides. The story holds the reader's attention from beginning to end.

(Cloth, \$1.50. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.)

A NATION'S IDOL, by Charles Felton Pidgin, the author of *Blennerhassett*, is an interesting romance of Benjamin Franklin's nine years of happiness at the Court of France. The author brings out very strongly the real character of Franklin, and his influence at the French court. Historical facts are so combined with a charming love story that this novel is instructive as well as entertaining. The intrigue of the life at the foreign capital is intensely interesting and this volume promises to rank with the successful historical novels of to-day.

Cloth, \$1.25. Henry Altamus, Philadelphia, Pa.)

AN ANGEL BY BREVET, a Story of Modern New Orleans, by Helen Pitkin, is an interesting love story, with a marked local coloring. The book abounds in Creole dialect and negro patois, and expresses through its characters intense passion and strong superstition. The temerity of "The Angel by Brevet," in venturing out in the lonely streets of New Orleans at night with only a colored woman for protection, is not common in the South; still the portrayal of the negro character, with all its African superstition, is very vivid, and the unholy orgies of the Obi woman are clearly depicted.

(Cloth, \$1.50. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Pa.)

THE UNIT BOOKS are a series or collection of famous literature, republished with a view to widen the circulation of books hitherto not very accessible. These Unit books are printed in a broad-faced, clear type, on soft white paper, with wide margins. The issues vary in length from 200-600 pages, and the prices are based on the length of the books. The books are published in paper, durable linen crash, and in full leather; dark green is the uniform color of the three bindings, and the same paper and type are used in all editions. The editorial staff is made up of able men and women, experienced in the literary world, many identified with prominent universities, and with successful publications. The subjects of these books include a large variety of interests—fiction, poetry, autobiographies, essays, history, etc. Two of the most satisfactory volumes are *Domestic Manners of the Americans*, by Frances M. Trollope, formerly published in 1836, 17 units, cloth, 64 cents; and *National Documents*, State papers, so arranged as to illustrate the growth of the United States from 1606 to the present day, 21 units, cloth, 72 cents. In these documents are to be found the first charter of Virginia, the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the Confederate States, the Emancipation Proclamation, and many other valuable historical papers.

Collectors will find much of interest in a series of papers by N. Hudson Moore, in *The Delineator*, opening in the March number with the topic "Old Pewter." Therein we are told that, although pewter probably was brought to America with Henry Hudson in "The Half Moon," the first public record of it appears in 1633, when Director-General Wouter Van Twiller, of Manhattan, after erecting a great brewery—one of his first acts—relates that "his colonists were never so happy as when draining their huge pewter tankards." However little pewter is regarded to-day, in colonial times it was one of the most important household items. The illustrations to this article, showing many curious specimens of old pewter, are particularly interesting.

THE SOCIAL REGISTER, of Richmond, North Carolina, Savannah, Augusta, and Atlanta, has recently been published, and will prove a valuable hand-book to the stranger contemplating a visit to these cities. North Carolina includes Asheville, Charlotte, Newbern, Raleigh, Tarboro, and Wilmington. The lists of marriages and deaths in 1904 and the married maidens for each city will prove helpful to new comers in these communities. The present volume would be much more valuable if the publishers had indicated the *Daughters of the Confederacy* in every city, as they have done in the case of Charleston and North Carolina, and if they had recognized all clubwomen as they have the *Woman's Club* in Richmond, and, also, if college women in these cities had some special mark as the college men have been recognized. The fraternal idea among clubwomen and college women is as strong as that of the *Daughters of the Confederacy*, the Colonial Dames, and the D. A. R. In all probability the publishers will broaden the usefulness of the next issue and the scope of this publication by increasing the list of personal data.

(Cloth, \$5.00. Social Register Association, 261 Broadway, New York City.)

THE CLANSMAN, an historical romance of the Ku Klux Klan, by Thomas Dixon, Jr., is a novel of great dramatic force. It is the second book of a series of historical novels, planned on the *race conflict*. "The Leopard's Spots" was the presentation of conditions from the enfranchisement of the negro to his disfranchisement; "The Clansman" tells the true story of the Ku Klux Klan, which overturned Reconstruction. The scene of the present story is laid in Piedmont, S. C., a place supposedly in Ulster county, near the North Carolina border. The exciting incidents are in all probability stern realities of those days and the characters true to life. Mr. Lincoln is described as the friend of the South, and his assassination is one of the most vivid scenes in the book. The attitude of Lincoln's Cabinet, the impeachment of Johnson, the adoption of Reconstruction measures, the elevation of the negro over the white man, the outrage and terror of those days are all wonderfully described. The author feels the injustice shown to the South, and arouses in his reader an admiration for the Ku Klux Klan, who suffered so much, and who sufficiently understood conditions to realize that the greatest weapon for the defence of the South at that period was this mysterious army of the "Ku Klux Klan." The historical student of the Reconstruction era will secure an atmosphere by reading this volume, which will greatly assist him in his historical investigation.

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ECHOES, by Mrs. Susan Witter Leiby, of Summerville, S. C., is a collection of poems written by this well-known Daughter of the Confederacy, and dedicated to her children and grandchildren. These poems represent tributes to friends, recall memories of the War between the States, mark anniversaries, and express the living interests of a loving, earnest woman. The little acrostic to *The Keystone*, on page 20, is very gracefully composed and should be appreciated by the women of South Carolina, whom *The Keystone* represents. The pamphlet is bound in Confederate gray, and besides the poems contains a portrait of the author and an introduction by Mr. Alexander Martin, of Summerville.

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